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Queen's Day festivities begin with 5 islanders honored by the crown



Governor Fredis Refunjol, PM Mike Eman and President of Parliament Paul Croes with decorated islanders



Theo Ziivinger flanked by President of SABA and invited guest.

The Order of Orange-Nassau is a military and civil order of the Netherlands which was created on April 4, 1892 by the Queen Regent Emma of the Netherlands, acting on behalf of her under-age daughter Queen Wilhelmina. The Order is a chivalrous order open to "everyone who has earned special merits for society". Prior to 1992, the decoration was reserved for outstanding military service, however in that year it was modified to be more egal-

itarian to express appreciation and recognition from the crown to individuals who have dedicated their lives to the betterment of the community in all nations and territories of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, including Aruba. The honoring ceremony is part of the Queen's Day celebration on April 30, usually performed the day before, with a gala ball in the evening welcoming those initiated into the Order van Oranje-Nassau, which is

comparable to being decorated with Order of the British Empire in the United Kingdom.

Aruba's Governor Fredis Refunjol, Queen Beatrix's appointed representative in Aruba, performed this year's honoring ceremony at the National Archeological Museum in Oranjestad on Friday morning, March 29. Those receiving status as "Lint"-a member of the Order, were Raybourne Didder and Gregory Anthony, the coach and manager of Aruba's Senior League baseball team, which won the World Championships in Bangor, Maine last summer. Angela Sabina Martillia-Maduro, who devotes nearly all her spare time to assisting various foundations, particularly with fundraising campaigns was the only woman this year. Theo Zievinger, co-founder of SABA, a foundation which organizes and trains caregivers for the elderly, has also, throughout his life, dedicated his free time in spiritual guidance for youth, providing free training for First Communion and Confirmation exercises.

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Official Queen's Day Ceremonies celebrates the past and future of Aruba



Governor Refunjol inspects the troops

This past weekend was filled with events to celebrate the birthday of Aruba's sovereign monarch, beloved Queen Beatrix. During the reigns of Queen Wilhelmina and then her daughter, Queen Juliana, it was the custom to celebrate Konin-ginnedag on the Queen's birthday - August 21st and April 30th, respectively. On the day of her investiture, April 30, 1980, Queen Beatrix stated that she wished for Queen's day to be set on that date, not her birthday, which is January 31st, as a mark of respect for her mother, Queen Juliana.

The tradition began during the years that Queen Emma, Wilhelmina's mother, spent the summers at Soestdijk Palace; the local population would present her with a floral tribute



Fife and Drum perform the Dutch and Aruban anthems

on her birthday, August 2nd. When Princess Juliana took up residence in her grandmother's country home following her marriage in 1937, the tradition was continued on her birthday, April 30th.

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Dutch rebel admits role in deadly bombing

BOGOTA, Colombia (AFP) – Dutch-born guerrilla Tanja Nijmeijer took part as a member of the FARC leftist group in a bombing that led to the death of a young child, according to interviews in a new book excerpted in the Colombian press yesterday.

The book is based on interviews last August by journalist Jorge Enrique Botero with Nijmeijer, the lone known European member of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia.

Titled "La Vida No Es Facil, Papi" (Life Is Not Easy, Dad), the book recounts her transformation from unassuming teacher of English to ruthless rebel combatant with Colombia's most notorious Marxist insurgency.

In one of the interviews, Nijmeijer describes her shock upon learning for the first time about the income disparity be-



tween rich and poor in Colombia, and describes how that knowledge compelled her to forsake a middle-class existence in the Netherlands for the jungles of South America.

Nijmeijer expressed no remorse as she described the April 7, 2003 bombing that led to the child's death, saying that the bombing was carried out in retribution against a Bogota merchant who refused to pay extortion money -- or what she called the "revolutionary tax" -- that the group had demanded.

She is believed to have joined the FARC in 2002 after moving to Colombia.

Obama hails 'great day' after bin Laden death

WASHINGTON (AFP) – US President Barack Obama yesterday hailed a great day for America after Osama bin Laden's death, but Pakistan faced tough questions over the terror kingpin's roomy hideout in a key garrison city.

A sober but clearly relieved Obama said the world was a better place after US Navy SEAL special forces carried out a daring helicopter-borne swoop on the heavily fortified mansion in the city of Abbottabad.

US officials meanwhile said that DNA testing on Bin Laden's corpse before it was buried at sea with Islamic rituals confirmed the identity of the world's most wanted terrorist, the mastermind of the September 11 attacks in 2001.

"I think we can all agree this is a good day for America. Our country has kept its com-



A woman celebrates the death of Osama Bin Laden, by stomping on newspaper showing his face, across the street from the World Trade Center in New York (AFP)

mitment to see that justice is done," Obama said at the White House.

"The world is safer, it is a better place because of the

death of Osama bin Laden," as he posthumously awarded Medals of Honor to two soldiers of the 1950-53 Korean war.

Dutch FM warns against al Qaeda reprisals

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands -- The Dutch Foreign Ministry has warned the death of Osama bin Laden could lead to reprisals by al Qaeda or similar organisations.

The ministry has warned Dutch nationals abroad to be vigilant. Foreign Minister Uri Rosenthal says the elimination of the al Qaeda leader has given the fight against terrorism a new impulse.

Meanwhile the US government has warned against anti-American sentiment in the world and told American travellers to take care. In some regions, US citizens have been warned to stay indoors.

Security at the US embassy in The Hague has been tightened according to reliable sources yesterday. There is also a more visible police presence outside the embassy.

The National Coordinator for Counterterrorism (NCTb) sees "no reason as yet to change the level of threat in the Netherlands." Although he does think the Netherlands "should remain just as alert as ever, because terrorists can still strike at any moment."

Prime Minister Mark Rutte stressed that security services are alert, although there is no sign so far that reprisals will take place in the Netherlands. On public radio, he warned "There are enough madmen willing to do the most terrible things."

The NCTb warns new networks set up by followers of Osama bin Laden still pose a threat.

CIA chief Leon Panetta says al Qaeda will definitely try to avenge the death of its leader

Kadhafi tanks probe rebel city as son is buried

MISRATA, Libya (AFP) – Forces loyal to Libyan leader Moamer Kadhafi launched a new armoured incursion into the besieged rebel city Misrata yesterday as his son, killed in a NATO-led air strike, was buried in Tripoli.

AFP correspondents heard heavy shelling throughout the morning as loyalist tanks thrust into the western suburbs of Libya's third largest city.

At least four people were killed and some 30 wounded in the fighting, medical sources said. Clashes overnight had killed another six and wounded dozens more.

"The tanks are in Al-Ghiran and Zawiyat Al-Mahjub and have been halted by our men," a rebel commander told AFP.

AFP correspondents heard

one or more NATO aircraft overflying the city for more than two hours, but no air strikes were heard.

Residents expressed exasperation at the lack of a military response from the Western alliance to Kadhafi's armour.

"NATO has to help us. What are they waiting for?" asked one

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Minister Visser establishes athletic bonds in Rio de Janeiro



Recently Aruba's Minister of Sports and Public Health, Richard Visser, paid a working visit to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil where he met with Brazilian government representatives. Purpose of Visser's visit was to establish bonds of cooperation within the scope of athletics and public health.

During Visser's meetings he shared information regarding the actual situation with respect to athletic medicine. The Aruban minister also reported on the upcoming June

Visser's visit to Brazil was to establish greater cooperation in the areas of athletics, petroleum, gas and health. It is obvious that more cooperation along these areas will benefit Aruba greatly.

Regrettably, exactly one day before Minister Visser was set to depart Rio de Janeiro; the fatal shooting of 13 students by a young adult took place, leaving Brazil in shock. The minister was given a first hand tour near survivors of the fateful incident. By helicopter Visser

Health Organization.

In the Hospital they met with two of the shooting victims, Taiane Tavares Monteiro who received 4 shots in her back leaving her permanently paralyzed without the hope of ever walking again, and Luis Vito Santos Pereira who received shots close to the head with little hope of survival.

One of the purposes for Visser's visit to the Brazilian hospital was that he could not only see the victims first hand, but especially to witness how the hospital responded to the crisis situation.

The youngster Monteiro, permanently paralyzed by the shooting to her back, is a promising athlete in the Top Team of Gymnastics in Brazil. The minister shared words of comfort and support to the parents of the victims and expressed hope for a recovery from their situation.

Another aspect which impressed the Aruban Minister was to see the very sophisticated Brazilian Ambulance. Their Ambulance is a combination of an Ambulance and a Fire truck which is operated via telemedicine which means that everything is totally electronic and via the internet.

Minister Visser, reportedly, is working diligently on our mental health care as well as on the physical care of our island. A quick analysis of the situation around the globe indicates that cruel incidents like the one in Brazil is no longer something happening in the United States, but just recently in a mall in Holland and has become a worldwide possibility. A special commission has been instituted here to address the issue of our mental health with the intent of providing direction to help prevent such incidents in Aruba.



Visser returned from Brazil with mixed feelings, on the one hand contented for the special attention received from the Brazilian government and for their willing-

ness to work together with Aruba, yet, on the other hand in grief for the two families he met during their moments of heartbreak for their seriously wounded children.



8 to 11 PAHO congress to take place on Aruba. The PAHO congress will be addressing the issue of obesity with special emphasis on childhood obesity. It is expected that representatives of all the continents of the world will be in attendance at this gigantic congress. Richard

was flown to the Adao Pereira Nunes Hospital where severely wounded victims of the shooting were admitted in the intensive care unit. Visser was able to meet with Neurosurgeon Manuel Moreira and Orthopedic doctor Marcos Musafir who are both members of the World

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Who says there is no love underwater?



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Justin and Lindsay are two divers from North Carolina who came to Aruba for warm waters and clear beaches. Indeed, their visit took a different turn when they found out about scuba diving in this 75 km island. Most visitors go around shopping malls, donkey sanctuary, natural bridge and natural pool. However, visitors and locals haven't realized what they are missing every time they go to the beach and chill out in the sand. The real enjoyment of Aruba is underwater. In fact, this Caribbean water is 26 degree Celsius and warm.

Love and diving are directly related; excitement, happiness, relaxation goes into

underwater. However, most of the time as dive instructors we deal with anxiety. Likewise, having your partner with you will reduce the level of anxiety in your body and make you feel more comfortable like these friends in my photos.

Moreover, it will be like falling on the ground and knowing that there will be someone, other than the instructor, to give you a hand. Needless to say, buddy system is the best way to go scuba diving or finding someone on the boat. Furthermore, you never know; friends one day, boyfriends the other and years later a new wedding results from one day you went diving. Scuba diving in Aruba is

extremely easy and is an exceptional way to see something different other than going to the cinema. You go to one of this two dive shops: S.E. Aruba Fly and Dive and Red Sail Sports dive center to try scuba. As a matter of fact, I have not meet one diver yet that have not have a good time while diving with these two companies. Is like hearing don't worry be happy all time to prevent the stress into your brain.

In addition, like I always say in my articles "PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT" removing all the beer bottles that you use or see underwater. These photos were taken by me on April 29, 2011 in an underwater photo session at Mangel Halto Beach.

Best regards,

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Origin of Mother's Day

THE SECOND SUNDAY in May has been set aside in honor of motherhood. Many churches have special services in which they honor Mothers of the congregation. They usually present the oldest Mom, youngest Mom, and Mom with the most children a corsage.

There is a custom of wearing a carnation on Mother's Day. A colored carnation means that the person's Mother is living. A white carnation indicates that a person's mom is dead.

Years ago, England observed what they called Mothering Sunday. It came in Mid-Lent.

The first suggestion for a day set aside to honor Mothers was made by Julia Ward Howe. She suggested that it be observed on June 2, as a day dedicated to peace.

Julia was born in 1819 in New York to a prominent family. She was an American writer, lecturer, and reformer. She was known as one of the most famous women of her time. She wrote "The Battle Hymn of the Republic", which was inspired when she visited military camps in Washington, D.C., during the Civil War in 1861. It became the major war song of the Union forces.

Julia became interested in the women's movement. She became the first president of the New England Woman Suffrage Association.

Three years after Frank Hering of Indiana launched his



campaign for observance of Mother's Day in 1904, Anna Jarvis began a campaign to a nationwide observance of Mother's Day. She chose the second Sunday in May. She also began the custom of wearing the carnation.

Jarvis' own Mother was honored on the first service at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia, on May 10, 1908. Later, at the general assembly in 1912, a delegate from Andrews Church introduced a resolution recognizing Jarvis as the founder of Mother's Day, and suggested that Mother's Day be observed on the second Sunday in May.

President Woodrow Wilson signed a joint resolution in Congress on May 9, 1914, recommending that the federal government observe Mother's day. The next year, the president was authorized to proclaim an annual holiday.

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Ruben Croes with Governor Refunjol and family members

Ruben Croes, Director of the emergency room at the Dr. Horacio E. Oduber Hospital, received special recognition and the title of "Ridder" or "Knight" in the Order of Oranje-Nassau as co-founder of the Aruba Search and Rescue Foundation, or SARFA. Ruben, who is a pilot, has spent many hours searching the local seas by plane, at his own expense, for lost fishermen and boaters. As a volunteer with the Red Cross, he dedicated a great deal of his time in teaching regular and advanced courses in life saving and CPR, as well as marine safety and search techniques. He has also donated his time to the Edward Harms Cancer Foundation, providing care in the home for terminal patients,

so they may spend their last days among loved ones in comforting surroundings.

Attending the solemn ceremony was Aruba's Prime Minister Mike Eman and a number of local dignitaries, including President of Parliament Paul Croes and Minister of Infrastructure, Integration and Environment, Benny Sevinger.

A champagne toast and an informal celebration followed the official awards ceremony, allowing family and friends to congratulate those newly knighted and decorated. Protocol allows them to wear their decoration that day and evening, after which it is kept in a special box to be returned to the crown when they pass on.

by Rosalie Klein

Tourism Studies: Creative industries holds key to unlocking excellence in tourism

ORANJESTAD -- Recently the Faculty of Tourism Management & International Business at the University of Aruba completed a comprehensive study on the competitiveness of Aruba's tourism. During the second annual conference on Excellence in Tourism, the Bachelor of Tourism Science students presented their findings based on an extensive and in-depth survey of cruise tourists to Aruba. Amongst the many interesting results, including demographics, motives, booking channels, experiences and satisfaction, tourism students revealed the potential economic value of Aruba's creative, cultural and natural heritage.

Based on a local analysis of expenditures and Caribbean benchmarks, the research indicates that on



average cruise tourists spend \$225, with a total direct economic impact of well over \$150 million on an annual basis for Aruba, thereby placing Aruba within the top ten cruise destinations in terms of economic contribution. When analyzing the specific expenditure patterns on Aruba and

the Caribbean, findings revealed a growing interest and expenditure pattern in culture, arts, cuisine and historical and natural heritage sites and tours.

The results show that although tourists still spend more on electronics and jewelry, there is a significant

growth of 60% to 70% on cultural activities & heritage-related expenditures, whereas traditional retail items have experienced a decline of 30% to 40%. The results confirm recent trends in other Caribbean tourism destinations that have sought cultural diversification based on an increased demand of tourist for culturally-authentic and destination-unique experiences.

The study concludes that with suitable product development and directed marketing efforts, Aruba could increase the economic value of its creative and cultural heritage with an additional \$90 million, if cultural, artistic and heritage products, services, facilities and amenities would be developed and provided in a professional manner. The

opportunities for value-added development of both tourism and the community are as far as creativity and imagination can stretch.

The economic potential of the cultural and creative industries for the sustainable development of Aruba should not be underestimated or viewed simply in economic terms, particularly as the advantages stimulate and reinforce social responsibility and environmental integrity, two of the other main pillars for sustainable development. With the right the destination strategies and business-community partnerships, Aruba's culture and heritage holds great potential for future generations. Developing Aruba's creative industries may well hold the key to unlocking excellence in tourism and community.

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Merkel opens German offshore wind farm



ZINGST, Germany (AFP) – Chancellor Angela Merkel inaugurated Germany's first commercial offshore wind farm on Monday, with 21 turbines set to supply electricity to more than 50,000 households.

The wind farm, 16 kilometres (10 miles) off Ger-

many's northeastern Baltic coast, covers an area of around seven square kilometres (three square miles), with each Siemens-made turbine generating up to 2.3 megawatts (MW) of power.

"With offshore technology we are all charting new terri-

tory," Merkel's spokesman quoted her as saying. The chancellor flew over the wind park in a helicopter before the inauguration in the coastal village of Zingst.

"This is an important milestone in the use of German offshore wind power. Onshore, Germany was a pioneer in wind power and now it's important to tap rapidly the huge offshore potential," said Rene Umlauf from Siemens.

By 2030, wind farms with total capacity between 20,000 and 25,000 MW will be operating off the country's coasts and delivering "clean" electricity, the German industrial giant added.

Heavy May snowfall takes Iceland by surprise



REYKJAVIK (AFP) – Ice-

land saw its first May snow-

fall for almost a decade over the weekend, with more than 16 centimetres falling on the capital Reykjavik, meteorologists said Sunday.

"We recorded 16.4 centimetres of snow in the Reykjavik area and the small town of Hvalfjoerdur (a few kilometres north of the capital) received 18 centimetres," Thorsteinn Jonsson from the Icelandic Meteorological Office told AFP.

"It's the first time since 1993 that it has snowed in May (in Reykjavik)," he said, adding that it was the second most significant May snowfall since 1987, when 18 centimetres fell on the capital.

"We did not see it coming and we were as surprised as everyone else in Reykjavik," he added.

The snow fell from Saturday evening through Sunday morning on Iceland's west coast, where "an air mass... brought temperatures below zero and turned the rain into snow," said Mr Jonsson, who said the spell looked to be over.

"This afternoon and this evening it will return to rain, and perhaps we'll wake up to summer tomorrow with some sun," he added.

Computer experts warn of Bin Laden malware scams

WASHINGTON (AFP) – Computer security experts warned on Monday that online scammers may seek to exploit the death of Al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden to spread malware.

"Watch out for the links you're likely to come across in email or on social networking sites offering you additional coverage of this newsworthy event," Paul Ducklin of computer security company Sophos said in a blog post.

"Many of the links you see will be perfectly legitimate links," Ducklin said. "But at least some are almost certain to be dodgy links, deliberately distributed to trick you into hostile Internet territory."

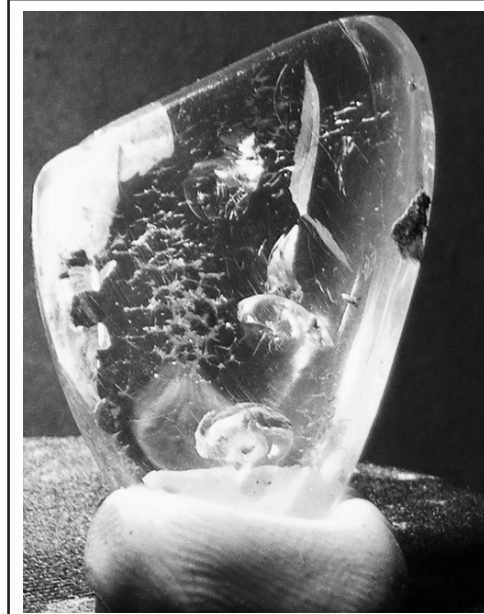
Mike Lennon of Security-

Week said cybercriminals "typically use very attractive headlines to encourage users to click links and direct them to malware infected Web pages."

"Links are already beginning to spread across Facebook, similar to what happened following news of the recent earthquake in Japan," Lennon said.

"Users should be cautious of spam containing links to photos, videos and other information that sounds remarkably interesting on Bin Laden's death," Lennon said.

"Users also need to be cautious of Tweets through Twitter, and Facebook posts, as cybercriminals gear up to attract unsuspecting traffic to spread malware," he said.



PERU, Lima : A picture released on April 26, 2011 in Lima by the Peruvian Paleontological Meyer-Hönningen Museum of Chiclayo in northern Peru, shows detailed fossilized insect remains preserved in amber for 20 million years, from an excavation in the Santiago river basin, in the Amazon region (which borders

Ecuador). According to Klaus Hönningen, the find consists of hundreds of pieces of the gemstone made from fossilized plant resin of up to 12cm containing various types of insects like Psocoptera, Diptera, Coleoptera, Hemiptera and spiders, belonging to the Neogene Era. Amber has been found only in Brazil, the Patagonia in Argentina and in French Guyana. (AFP PHOTO)

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Health & Living

Male doctors more likely to misbehave: study



SYDNEY, Australia (AFP) — Male doctors are four times more likely to be disciplined for misconduct than female medics, according to a new Australian study which found the biggest cause of complaint was sexual misbehaviour.

Researchers at the University of Melbourne analysed 485 cases where doctors had been found guilty of miscon-

duct and disciplined in Australia and New Zealand between 2000 and 2009.

They found that overall about six in every 10,000 doctors were disciplined in Australia and New Zealand each year by a tribunal with the power to deregister them, with male medics making up the overwhelming majority of cases.

When the figures were adjusted to take into account that there are fewer female doctors and they work fewer hours on average, male doctors were found to be four times more likely to be disciplined than their female counterparts.

Obstetrician-gynaecologists and psychiatrists had the highest rate of disciplinary action, followed by general practitioners, the study published in the Medical Journal of Australia showed.

Doctors were most commonly cited for sexual misconduct (24 percent), followed by

unethical or illegal prescribing (21 percent). Eight percent of cases related to the death of a patient.

Lead researcher Katie Elkin, from Melbourne's School of Population Health and Law School, said she had been surprised at the gender difference.

She said in the majority of cases, the patient suffered no physical or diagnosed psychiatric harm.

"These findings indicate that boards and tribunals interpret their public protection role fairly broadly," Elkin said.

"They were often prepared to sanction doctors irrespective of whether or not the misconduct had resulted in harm to a patient.

"What this suggests is that regulators are not sitting back -- they are trying to be proactive when professional misconduct poses risks to the community."

Crude oil chemical linked to heart defect in babies

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Babies who are exposed before birth to ethyl benzene, a toxic component in crude oil, may have a higher risk of developing congenital heart disease, US researchers said.

Another chemical used as an industrial metal degreasing agent, trichloroethylene (TCE), also boosted heart risks, said the research to be presented at the Pediatric Academic Societies annual meeting in Denver, Colorado.

Congenital heart disease occurs when the heart is malformed before birth, and is the most common of all birth defects. "Congenital heart disease is a major cause of childhood death and life-long health problems," said D. Gail McCarver, lead author of the study and professor of pediatrics at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Researchers collected stool samples from 135 newborn babies with the heart condition and 432 infants without it. A full 82 percent of all the in-

fants showed exposure to at least one of the 17 solvents measured in the study.


White, but not black, infants who showed exposure to ethyl benzene had four times the risk of CHD.

Black infants exposed to trichloroethylene showed an eight-fold risk for the heart condition, and white infants with the traces in their stool had a two-fold higher risk, said the findings.

"This is the first report that exposure to ethyl benzene, a compound present in crude oil, was associated with CHD," McCarver said.

Some residents of the US Gulf Coast have expressed concern about their health in the aftermath of the BP oil spill last year, though no studies have been completed yet to determine the effects of exposure to the spilled oil.


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Official Queen's Day Ceremonies celebrates the past and future of Aruba

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All young honorees with Governor Refunjol, PM Eman and dignitaries

After her accession to the throne in 1948, this became the date on which Koninngedag was celebrated for many years, and the modest parade grew into a national event, which the nation followed on television, and observed locally. During Queen Juliana's reign, it gradually became the custom for everyone to have a day off finally becoming an official public holiday. Many subjects of the crown will wear orange on this day in respect and support for the royal Family Nassau, House of Orange.

Aruba's official ceremony to honor Aruba's Queen was held on Saturday morning in the Wilhelmina Park on L.G. Smith Boulevard in Oranjestad. Every Aruban chapter of the International Scouts paraded down the boulevard to gather in the park for the raising, side by side, of the Dutch

and Aruban Flag. Attending the ceremony on behalf of the Queen was her appointed representative in Aruba, Governor Fredis Refunjol, arrived to be welcomed by Commandant of the Royal Dutch Marine Camp in Savaneta, Lt. Colonel Edwin Hofma, for the ritual inspection of the honor guard. National anthems of Aruba and Holland were preformed by the fife and drum corps of the marines.

Aruban dignitaries, including Prime Minister Mike Eman and his cabinet attended and President of Parliament Paul Croes was keynote speaker, along with Governor Refunjol. Paul Croes spoke of childhood memories of Queen's Day, where an affection for his monarch was "inculcated in all youth" by the day of exciting and enjoyable events, a

feeling all islanders continue to maintain.

During the official morning ceremony Governor Refunjol also pays tribute to Aruba's future, by presenting the Felipe B. Tromp trophy for outstanding achievement in sport among island youth, thus providing a role model for their generation. The trophy is named for Aruba's first appointed governor. This year's recipient was 14-year-old Jordy Groters, who has been breaking swimming records on Aruba and internationally for years.. He had returned just days before from the Caribbean Free Trade Association, CARIFTA, Swimming Championships 2011 with 4 gold and 4 silver medals for Breaststroke, Freestyle and Individual Medley, during which he set new all-time CARIFTA records.



Prime Minister and wife Doina with dignitaries

Honored that day with "stimulus trophies" was marathon runner Jenelaine Vrolijk, who is also setting records as the first young woman to win a number of major races in the under 20 categories and all-around athlete Chester Hill, a member of the Aerodynamic Cycling Team, Aruba Cycling Union and the Aruba Triathlon Association. Aruba's All-Star Baseball team in the 15 and 16 year old division received a plaque for winning the Senior League World Championships in Bangor, Maine in 2010.

The close of the Official Queen's Day observance was



Jordy Groters with proud Dad Ron

marked with a parade down L.G. Smith Boulevard by Scouting Aruba and heralded a day of celebration throughout the island.

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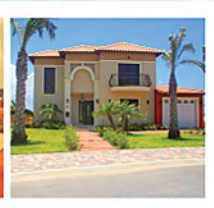
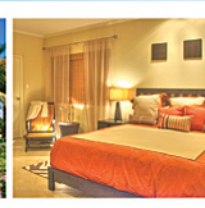
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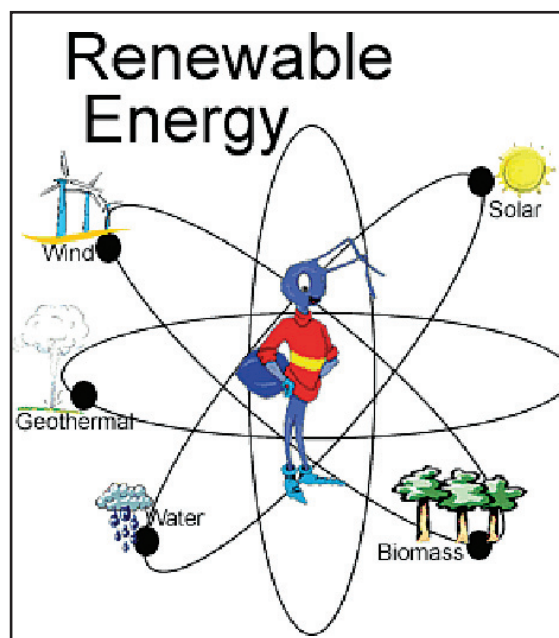
The international forecast indicates that the price of crude oil on the international market will continue to rise steadily in the next decades. The administration of Prime Minister Mike Eman has affordable energy as a top priority and forms an integral part of its vision. The government's energy philosophy for 2009 – 2013 incorporates the reduction and stabilization of the cost of the production of water and electricity in a sustainable manner in keeping with our environment. The Prime Minister has taken immediate action to eliminate by next year our dependence on conventional sources for the production of water and electricity, such as fuel oil.

During the first Green Energy Conference held here last September 2010, the government made an official announcement of their energy management philosophy. This includes the doubling of our capacity of wind energy. WEB, Aruba's water and electricity

plant, is completing plans for expanding their wind energy production with an additional 30 mw, which represents a doubling of the current wind energy production, according to Minister Eman. The WEB executives are exerting maximum effort to finalize the changes from the existing turbine system to a more modern turbine system which will also be capable of producing gas. This project is scheduled to be completed by mid-2012.

The introduction of gas as a new source of energy for the production of water and electricity has been formalized in a Memorandum of Understanding between Valero and Aruba. Because the price of gas is independent of the price of fuel oil and subsequently also less expensive and more stable, this will result in a substantial reduction in the production costs of water and electric power. According to Minister Mike de Meza, who has Utilities and Energy under his watch, "one important aspect of the conversion of fuel oil to gas is that gas is sustainable and good for the environment. Through the use of gas we will reduce our CO₂ emissions by nearly 70%."

Valero Aruba Refinery has



already presented the government their plans for the construction of a pier for gas carrying tankers, along with the building of a storage tank on their premises. In addition to this, the gas giant of the Netherlands, Gasunie, a state run company, is also lending their support to the conversion process here in Aruba.

During the recent National Social Dialogue it was noted how the negative effects of fuel prices worldwide is affecting our local economy. "In the light of this, the government

has decided to implement a substantial reduction on import duties and levy a nominal import duty of 2% for all alternative energy products. The government has also entered into strategic partnerships on the energy platform with such compa-

nies as TNO and Delft in their quest to explore more efficient ways to manage, in the most sustainable and favorable manner, the production of water and electricity," reported Minister de Meza.

Prime Minister Eman also intimated that in the near future our waste production will also be used as a means for producing energy for Aruba.

The use of solar panels will also soon be a normal form of energy production in Aruba even before the end of the current Eman Administration, ac-

cording to Eman.

According to Mike de Meza, the level and development of our economy contributes to a higher use of domestic electricity compared to that of other islands in the Caribbean. Hence, the control of demand and consumption is essential.

During the rest of this year ELMAR (local electric company) will continue their campaign of providing information and making citizens more aware of purchasing practices with respect to electrical products and on the use of alternative energy sources in their homes. ELMAR will become more than just a distributor of electricity.

The price of petroleum has risen by almost 30% in the past months. But, the government has succeeded in limiting the effect of this steep increase by only 10% on the price of water and electricity. According to our government officials ... "everyday we are personally actively involved in this issue. The results of our vision and philosophy on energy will give Aruba independence from fuel-oil as a source of energy and liberate us from the "brandstofclausule" energy surcharge by next year."

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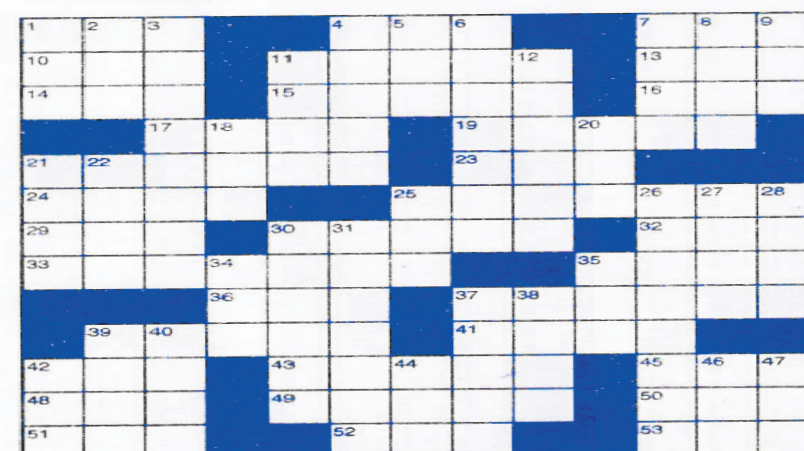
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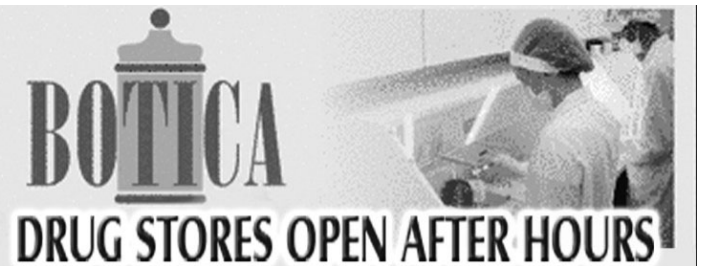
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Oil, dollar lower after bin Laden death

NEW YORK, (AFP) - Crude oil hit a new price peak in New York trade Monday before easing lower, while the dollar lost ground to the euro, as the death of Osama bin Laden had little sustained impact on markets.

With London financial markets closed for the May Day holiday, the US benchmark West Texas Intermediate for June delivery reached \$114.83 a barrel before dropping back a dollar. On Friday it closed at \$113.93.

It was the highest level since September 2008, when prices were plunging from their all-time record above \$147 a barrel set in July.

Oil was lower earlier in

Asian trade following the late-Sunday news of the death of Al-Qaeda chief bin Laden, who was killed Sunday in a covert strike by US forces in Pakistan.

The dollar meanwhile traded lower after briefly strengthening in the wake of the news that the long-sought architect of the September 11, 2001 terror attacks in the United States was dead.

The euro hit \$1.4902, before drifting back to \$1.4874 at 1715 GMT, up from \$1.4808 late Friday. It was a 16-month-low for the greenback as the US sustains its loose money policies and economic data continued to suggest a slowing recovery.

Japan employer federation boss says state, not Tepco, liable

PARIS, France (AFP) - The head of the Japanese employers' federation defended Tepco, owner of the stricken Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant, saying the state and not the company should compensate disaster victims.

Hiromasa Yonekura, chairman of the Nippon Keidanren business leaders' body, told AFP in Paris that the earthquake and tsunami that devastated the plant and caused a major nuclear disaster could not have been predicted.

And he slammed the Japanese government for criticising Tepco's response, alleging that the state was trying to shift blame onto the firm and refusing to shoulder

its own responsibility towards the victims of the crisis.

"They are getting away from taking any kind of responsibility. Avoiding it," he said, in an interview during a working visit to Europe.

Power giant Tepco has begun to pay compensation to people driven from their homes by the plant's meltdown, which was triggered when a vast tsunami wave smashed the cooling system and caused reactors to over-heat.

But Yonekura argued that, in the case of such an exceptional disaster, it was legally the government's responsibility to take charge.

Euro rises above \$1.49

PARIS, France (AFP) - The euro rose above \$1.49 in European trading yesterday to a 16-month high despite the announcement of the death of Osama bin Laden initially sending the greenback higher.

The European unit rose to \$1.4902 in afternoon trading, its highest level in 16 months, but by 1600 GMT had slid back to \$1.4882. It traded at \$1.4808 late on Friday.

The greenback was stable against the Japanese unit at 81.17 yen.

"The euro was lifted by expectations of additional interest rate hikes this year, which have been more or less confirmed by members of the European Central Bank..." said Natixis strategist Nor-

dine Naam.

Last month the ECB raised its main interest rate by 0.25 percentage points to fight inflation while the Fed signalled it plans to keep rates frozen at historic lows until the US economic recovery is on firmer footing.

This has supported the euro as investors expect yields on eurozone bonds to rise as well.

The announcement of the death of the mastermind of the September 11 attacks in a US special operation sent the dollar higher in Asian trade and at the opening of the day in Europe but strong eurozone economic data turned the tide said analysts.

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agers Index for the eurozone manufacturing sector rose to 58.0 points in April from 57.5 points in March, which indicates a pick up in activity.

"The eurozone manufacturing figures are quite robust," noted Natixis strategist Ouri Mimran.

In European trading on Monday at 1600 GMT, the euro changed hands at \$1.4882 against \$1.4808 late in New York on Friday, at 120.80 yen (120.20), £0.8908 (0.8863) and 1.2857 Swiss francs (1.2811).

The dollar stood at 81.17 yen (81.17) and 0.8639 Swiss francs (0.8648).

The pound was at \$1.6705 (1.6704).

Oil price dips in New York after bin Laden slain

NEW YORK (AFP) - Oil prices slipped slightly in New York Monday, after briefly surging near \$115 a barrel, as investors weighed the impact of the US killing of Al-Qaeda mastermind Osama bin Laden.

New York's benchmark futures contract, West Texas Intermediate for June delivery, closed at \$113.52 a barrel, down 41 cents from Friday.

London financial markets

were closed for the May Day holiday.

The New York session was a "very choppy day," said Matt Smith at Summit Energy, as investors digested news that US forces had killed bin Laden Sunday in a raid on his compound in Pakistan.

The initial reaction was bearish for the market because it appeared his death would ease unrest in the Middle East,

US Treasury to cut issues as May 16 debt cap nears

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US Treasury said Monday it would begin cutting certain debt issues as it confirmed the government would reach its borrowing ceiling on May 16.

With Congress still not agreed on raising the ceiling to permit the government to continue financing its activities, the Treasury said it would stop issuing state- and local-government series securities on May 6. "Because the United States is very close to reaching the debt limit, Treasury must take this action now," Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said in a letter to the leader of the US Senate.

"However, it is not without costs; it will deprive state and local governments of an important tool to manage their

outstanding debt expenses," he said.

Geithner said that if Congress does not increase the limit, currently at \$14.29 trillion, before May 16, the department will have to take "further extraordinary measures" to allow it to continue servicing the country's debt without default.

Without a debt ceiling deal, Geithner said the measures could buy time, through about August 2 -- three weeks long than had been projected.

During the period the Treasury will stop issuing bonds to the civil service retirement and savings funds and, if necessary, to the government's exchange stabilization fund.

Smith said.

But eventually, "people realized that it will increase uncertainty more than add clarity," he said.

The WTI contract initially had plunged to \$110 on the news of bin Laden's death. But it rapidly reversed course and headed upward, climbing as high as \$114.83, the highest peak since September 22, 2008, before easing back.

Rich Ilczszyn of Lind Waddock said his first thought upon learning of the terrorist leader's death was to "buy equity, buy the dollar and sell crude oil, and I think a lot of traders jumped into that trade."

After further reflection, however, he concluded: "It's probably going to increase tensions."

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Holiday of Queen's Day, this year included a very special tribute to an icon of Aruban music, Claudius Phillips, better



known as “Mighty Talent.”

A traditional part of the annual event at the Renaissance Convention Center featured two of Aruba's most popular dance bands, Tsunami, and then finished with Claudius and his group, Oreo.

Claudius, in 1983 at the age of 17, represented the Netherlands Antilles in the western hemisphere's largest singing competition, OTI. He thrilled his Aruban countrymen by not only making it to the finals, but taking the 3rd place trophy, an unprecedented outcome for this tiny corner of the Caribbean. One year after OTI, he won his first crown as Calypso King during Carnival, and the next year was the man who, for first time in Carnival history, took both crowns, Road March and Calypso; he was only 19-years-old and at the beginning of an historic rise to stardom in Aruba, the Caribbean and Holland. He has won the Calypso contest 20 times in total, and the double crown an unbeatable 17 times, including this year, when he announced his retirement from the annual competitions. His contributions to Carnival history and the music that drives it have made him an iconic figure in the island's musical history.

Just before Claudius was due to perform on Saturday

evening, his admiring rival, Carlyle Nicholson, AKA Mighty C.N, who recorded a musical tribute to Claudius for Carnival 2011, presented the “King of Kings,” (the name of Claudius' first new CD in 9 years, issued this year) with a special gift of the tribute CD. Joining them on stage for this honoring was Lions Club President Clarette Lopez.

Mighty C.N. expressed that Claudius Phillips should be acknowledged in his lifetime for his enormous influence on Aruba's music, “we should not

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wait until after he passes, as with so many others. Any of us would have to die and be born again to take his place; we must show him respect now for what he has accomplished.”

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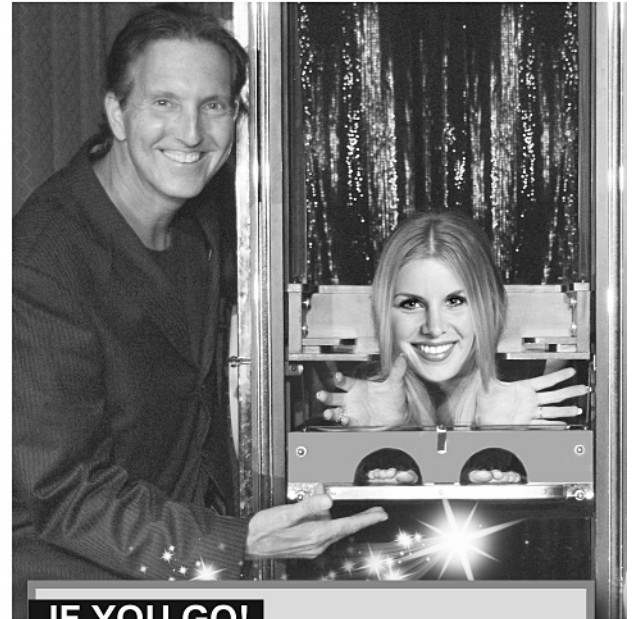
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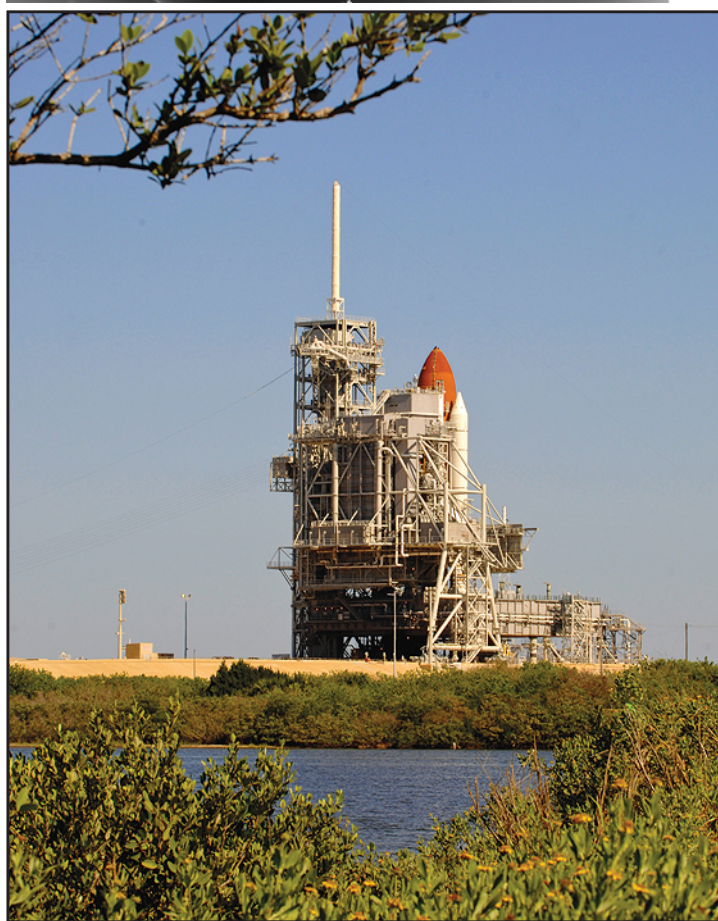
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Harry Potter actress Emma Watson denies being bullied

LONDON, England (AFP) – Actress Emma Watson has denied that she took a break from university because she was bullied.

The 'Harry Potter' actress said last month that she was taking time off from Brown University in the US to focus on her film career.

But newspaper reports last week said the actress was bullied out of the university.

In a message on her website, Watson said: "I felt the need to let you all know the reason I took a semester off from Brown had nothing to do with bullying as the media have been suggesting recently."

"I have never been bullied in my life and certainly never at Brown."

One report said that when the 21-year-old responded correctly to questions, her classmates would shout "Ten points to Gryffindor!" - a reference to a house at Hogwarts, the fictional school in the Harry Potter franchise.

Watson, who plays bookworm Hermione in the se-

ries, denied that the incident took place.

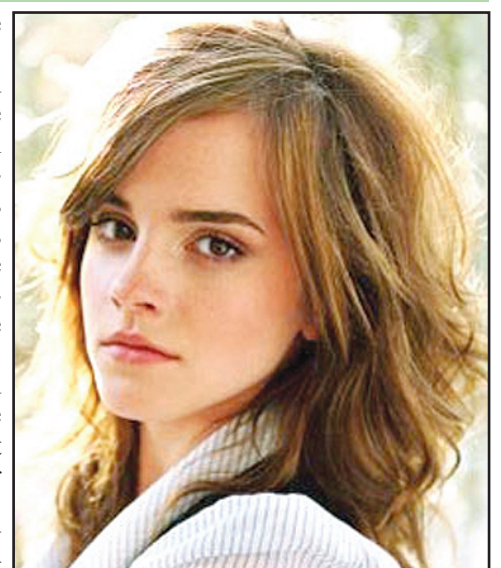
"I feel the need to say this because accusing Brown students of something as serious as bullying and this causing me to leave seems beyond unfair," Watson wrote on her website.

The actress said she had not made up her mind about her plans for later this year.

"Please don't try and speculate about what I might do in September -- no one can possibly know because I don't even know yet! Like my other fellow Brown students I am trying to figure out my third year and whether or not I will spend it abroad (this is common)."

Staff and students at the university have backed up Watson's claims.

Last week, Watson's spokeswoman Vanessa Davies said the actress would



transfer to another university in autumn to study a different course which Brown did not offer.

Watson joined the university in Providence, Rhode Island, in September 2009, initially to study literature.

She recently finished filming 'Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows: Part 2', the final instalment in the JK Rowling stories, due for a world premiere in London in July.

Tendulkar, Rayudu star in Mumbai win



Mumbai Indians captain Sachin Tendulkar plays a shot during the Indian Premier League match against Kings XI Punjab at The Wankhede Cricket stadium in Mumbai.

MUMBAI, India (AFP) – Sachin Tendulkar and Ambati Rayudu hit impressive half-centuries to set up Mumbai Indians' 23-run win over Kings XI Punjab in an Indian Premier League match.

Skipper Tendulkar and Rayudu each made 51 as Mumbai scored 159-5 before stopping Punjab at 136-8 for their sixth victory in eight games of the Twenty20 tournament.

In another match, Kochi Tuskers Kerala posted an easy seven-wicket win over Delhi Daredevils, achieving a 141-run target with five overs to spare for their fourth win in nine games.

New Zealander Brendon McCullum put Kochi on course for victory with a 19-ball 37, including two sixes and as many fours in seamer Umesh Yadav's over. He also hit South African paceman Morne Morkel for three fours in an over.

Parthiv Patel (37 not out) and Australian Brad Hodge (24 not out) completed the victory with an unfinished 52-run stand for the fourth wicket.

Venugopal Rao top-scored for Delhi, who suffered their sixth defeat in nine matches.

Mumbai now lead the 10-team league table with 12 points, followed by Rajasthan (11), Kolkata (10), Chennai (10), Bangalore (nine), Kochi (eight), Deccan (six), Delhi (six), Punjab (six) and Pune (four).

Australian Shaun Marsh top-scored with a 47-ball 61 for Punjab, who suffered their fourth defeat in seven games. He put on 72 for the second wicket with Paul Valthaty (33).

Pacemen Lasith Malinga and Munaf Patel, and off-spinner Harbhajan Singh bagged two wickets apiece for Mumbai.

Tendulkar and Rayudu earlier propped up the innings after Mumbai had lost South African Davy Jacobs (10) in the third over, adding 95 for the second wicket.

Rayudu, who hit seamer Praveen Kumar for two

fours and a six in the same over, was the first to reach a half-century with a boundary off leg-spinner Piyush Chawla.

He fell in the same over while attempting another big shot, caught superbly by Dinesh Karthik at deep mid-wicket after hitting one six and eight fours in his 37-ball knock.

Tendulkar, who hit left-arm spinner Bhargav Bhatt over deep square-leg for the first six of the innings, also fell soon after completing his half-century. He cracked one six and three fours in his 45-ball knock.

West Indies batsman Kieron Pollard smashed two sixes in his 11-ball 20 and Rohit Sharma hit a brisk 18 to help Mumbai cross the 150-mark.

Brief scores:

Mumbai Indians 159-5 in 20 overs (S. Tendulkar 51, A. Rayudu 51, K. Pollard 20; R. Harris 2-33, P. Chawla 2-37) beat Kings XI Punjab 136-8 in 20 overs (S. Marsh 61, P. Valthaty 33; M. Patel 2-18, L. Malinga 2-19, Harbhajan Singh 2-25) by 23 runs.

Delhi Daredevils 140-6 in 20 overs (V. Rao 40, T. Brit 27; V. Kumar 2-25, P. Parameswaran 2-29) lost to Kochi Tuskers Kerala 141-3 in 15 overs (B. McCullum 37, P. Patel 37 not out, B. Hodge 24 not out) by seven wickets.



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Police detain Alonso after deadly crash - reports



In file photo: Marcos Alonso posing with The Bolton Wanderers banner.

MADRID, Spain (AFP) – Bolton Wanderers' Spanish left back Marcos Alonso has been detained for questioning in Madrid after a car he was driving while allegedly under the influence of alcohol was involved in a deadly car accident, Spanish media reported Monday.

The 20-year-old was at the wheel of the car which flew off a Madrid road early on Monday and hit a wall, causing the death of one of the vehicle's passengers, a young woman who suffered serious brain injuries, the online edition of daily newspaper El Pais reported.

Alonso was found to have a blood-alcohol level of 0.45, above the legal limit of 0.25,

the newspaper added. He refused to take a second test, claiming he was suffering an anxiety attack, according to the paper.

The player suffered light injuries in the accident while the three other passengers in the car are reported to have suffered serious injuries.

He may now be accused of negligent homicide.

Bolton signed Alonso, whose father and grandfather were professional footballers, from Real Madrid in July 2010 on a three-year deal.

Alonso's grandfather played for Real in the 1950s and 60s and his father spent five years at Barcelona in the 1980s.

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Wade powers Miami over Celtics in chippy affair

MIAMI (AFP) — Dwyane Wade had 38 points and LeBron James finished with 22 points, six rebounds and five assists to lead Miami to a 99-90 win over Boston in the opening game of their NBA second-round playoff series.

James Jones had a Heat playoff record 25 points off the bench in a physical Eastern Conference contest that

saw Paul Pierce thrown out after getting two technical fouls on Sunday.

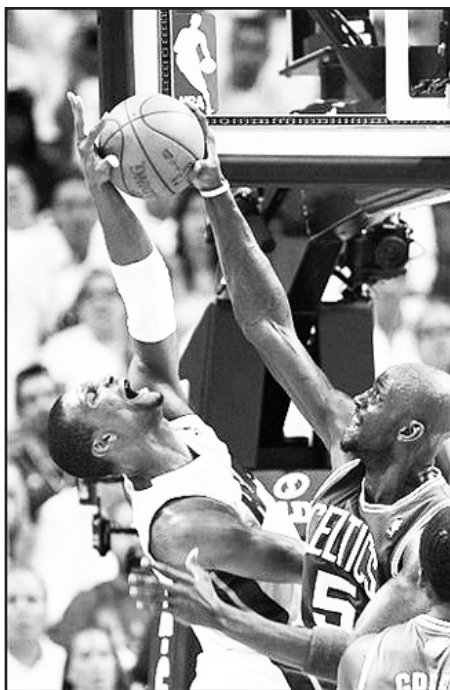
"It's a big game. It's game one, at home," Wade said. "You've got to take care of home court. These guys expect this from me. I wasn't giving it to them in the regular season versus them and I wanted to come out today and be a leader."

The second game of the best-of-seven series is today in Miami. Ray Allen led the Celtics with 25 points and Delonte West added 10. It marked the first loss for Boston in five playoff games this season.

All-star guard Rajon Rondo and veteran Kevin Garnett combined for a dismal 14 points on just six-of-19 shooting in the loss.

"There's so many things we need to do to get better," Allen said. "I think everybody in that locker room knows that, just from a small conversation we just had."

The Heat led by as many as 19 points at one point but



the Celtics tried to rally. Allen drained a three pointer late in the game to cut the margin to 90-82 but Wade and Co. answered with back-to-back baskets to restore the comfortable lead.

"Every game is going to go like this," Wade said. "We look forward to the challenge."

The winner of the series will face either Chicago or Atlanta in the Eastern Conference finals for a chance to take on a team from the West for the NBA crown.

Bulls' Thibodeau named Coach of Year

CHICAGO (AFP) — Chicago coach Tom Thibodeau was named the NBA's coach of the year Sunday, just as the Bulls prepared to open their Eastern Conference second-round playoff series against Atlanta.

Thibodeau led the Bulls to 62 regular-season wins in his first campaign as head coach, and his young team, led by Most Valuable Player candidate Derrick Rose, defeated Indiana in five games in the first round of the playoffs.

"Coach is one of the hard-

est workers I've ever been around. He stays in late. He's the first one here. He was there for me all summer working me out. I felt like I really improved as a player because of him," said Joakim Noah.

Thibodeau's first head coaching job with the Bulls this season followed some two decades as an NBA assistant. He spent three seasons working for coach Doc Rivers in Boston before getting the nod from Chicago last June when he replaced

Grizzlies silence Thunder in series opener

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (AFP) — Zach Randolph scored 34 points and grabbed 10 rebounds on Sunday as the Memphis Grizzlies beat Oklahoma City 114-101 in the first game of their NBA Western Conference second-round playoff series.

Spanish import Marc Gasol added 20 points and 13 rebounds for the Grizzlies, the Western Conference eighth seeds who upset top-seeded San Antonio in seven games in the first round.

"We believe," Randolph said. "We definitely believe. Our confidence is up high. I tell the guys we can compete and play with anybody."

Just as in the series against the Spurs, the combination of Randolph and Gasol proved enough to give Memphis the game-one victory on the road, immediately stealing the Thunder's home-court advantage.

"I think we always try to do that. The thing is that it's not always possible," Gasol said. "We always try to come out and execute and play the right way. It's not always possible. Teams are going to adjust, and they're going to do something different."

"We've got to keep being hungry, keep being unselfish

offensively and defensively and keep playing the right way," Gasol said.

Kevin Durant led Oklahoma City with 33 points and 11 rebounds and Russell Westbrook added 29 points for the Thunder.

The match-up wasn't decided until the Grizzlies completed their victory over San Antonio on Friday, giving the two teams little more than 36 hours to prepare for the afternoon opener.

The Grizzlies showed no sign of a let-down as they took a 16-point lead, but they let the advantage dwindle to three shortly after half-time before rebuilding the cushion with a scoring surge late in the third period.

Shane Battier's three-pointer and three consecutive jump shots from Gasol stretched the Grizzlies' lead to 86-71 early in the fourth quarter.

Durant, the NBA's scoring champion, stopped the rot with a three-pointer.

The Thunder host game two today. The winner of the series will face either the Los Angeles Lakers or Dallas Mavericks in the Western Conference finals for a chance to battle a team from the East for the NBA title.

While the Grizzlies and Thunder are two of the youngest and most-improved teams in the NBA, the Kobe Bryant-led Lakers are seeking a third straight NBA title and the Mavericks boast a veteran presence in German star Dirk Nowitzki.

Lakers coach Phil Jackson has voiced concern over an injury to Bryant's left ankle, suffered in game four of their first-round series against New Orleans.

Bryant, however, has said the ankle won't be a problem in their series, which starts on Monday night in Los Angeles.

MLB Standings

American League

East	W
NY YANKEES	16 9 .640 --
TAMPA	15 13 .536 2.5
BALTIMORE	13 13 .500 3.5
TORONTO	13 15 .464 4.5
BOSTON	12 15 .444 5.0

Central

CLEVELAND	19 8 .704 --
KANSAS CITY	15 13 .536 4.5
DETROIT	12 16 .429 7.5
CHICAGO	10 19 .345 10
MINNESOTA	9 18 .333 10

West

LA ANGELES	16 12 .571 --
TEXAS	16 12 .571 1.5
OAKLAND	14 14 .500 3.5
SEATTLE	13 16 .448 3.5

National League

East

PHILADELPHIA	18 9 .667 --
FLORIDA	17 9 .654 0.5
ATLANTA	14 15 .483 5.0
WASHINGTON	13 14 .481 5.0
NY METS	12 16 .429 6.5

Central

ST. LOUIS	16 12 .571 --
CINCINNATI	14 14 .500 2.0
MILWAUKEE	13 14 .481 2.5
PITTSBURG	13 15 .464 3.0
CHICAGO	12 15 .444 3.5
HOUSTON	11 17 .393 5.0

West

COLORADO	17 9 .654 --
LA DODGERS	14 15 .483 4.5
SAN FRANCISCO	13 14 .481 4.5
ARIZONA	12 15 .444 5.5
SAN DIEGO	11 17 .393 7.0

Real slam UEFA over dismissing Barca complaint



BARCELONA (AFP) - Real Madrid's assistant coach Aitor Karanka said on Monday UEFA's decision to not take action against Barcelona over their behaviour in the Champions League semi-final first leg clash will overshadow the decider at the Nou Camp today.

Barcelona came away from the Bernabeu with a 2-0 advantage from a bad tempered game which will be remembered for fouls and play acting.

There was a war of words before the match between Real coach Jose Mourinho and his opposite number Pep Guardiola, and in the game the situation only deteriorated.

Barca's substitute keeper Jose Pinto was red carded in a clash at half time and in the second half Pepe was dismissed for a kick at Dani Alves who made the most of the challenge by writhing on the ground.

Mourinho was sent to the stands for criticising the decision and will not now be allowed on the bench at the Nou Camp hence why Karanka fielded the press on the traditional eve of match press conference.

UEFA are considering taking action over Mourinho's post match comments but they have thrown out a complaint from Real over the way

Barca players acted.

"UEFA's decision means that the game now comes second," said Karanka.

"UEFA talks about fair play and tomorrow (Tuesday) there will be players on the pitch that lack this and have made racist comments.

"Meanwhile we will be without Pepe and (Sergio) Ramos.

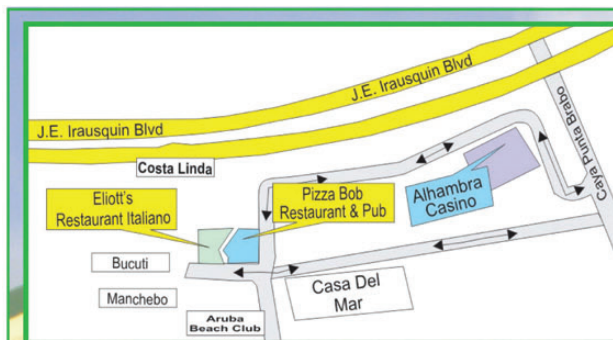
"Everyone saw what happened at the Bernabeu and yet no decision has been taken, so this means that the game now comes second."

Real wanted up to six Barca players to be punished including Sergio Busquets who was shown on Spanish television to make racist comments towards full back Marcelo.

"We now have to concentrate on the game as we are Real Madrid and we will keep fighting to the end. We have 109 years of history and won nine European Cups," added Karanka.

Real are set to play a more attacking style which includes Mesut Ozil, Ronaldo and Di Maria while Karim Benzema is also fighting for a place along with Emmanuel Adebayor.

"This is a very important game and we know it will be difficult but we will fight to win knowing that there is a final at the end," said Benzema.



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Bin Hammam backs his chances to unseat Blatter

ASUNCION (AFP) - Mohammed bin Hammam, who is hoping to unseat Sepp Blatter as FIFA president, believes he is gaining more support by the day as his profile builds ahead of the June 1 vote in Zurich.

"I started from zero and I believe that as of today I have the same chances as Blatter,"

said the Qatari head of the Asian Football Confederation.

"Now I am better known and each day I get more votes. It's all going well. I believe I can win more than 50 percent of the votes."

Bin Hammam, trying to prevent his Swiss rival from securing a fourth term as the

head of world football, said he would make sure the game's riches were more evenly distributed if he wins the election.

"I think I can be an advantage for football, for the little countries and the big ones, for the developed and the non-developed. I have worked in football for 40 years."



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